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SUBJ: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 250163; (B) STATE 15018

SUMMARY. DESPITE SOME VERBAL ASSURANCES THAT THE SUBJECT INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED IF POSSIBLE, EMBOFF HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN SAME. TWO COMPANIES HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE THE SPECIFIC DATA AND THE THIRD PROVIDES ONLY PROMISES. ALTHOUGH WE SHALL KEEP TRYING, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER THE PROSPECTS. INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN CONSIDER THIS DATA AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL AVAILABLE ONLY TO PRINCIPALS. END SUMMARY.

2. LAMBERT AND BENDALL REPLIED IN PART "AS OIL JOBBERS, THE MARKET IN WHICH WE OPERATE AND OUR VERY EXISTENCE IN THIS BUSINESS IS FOUNDED UPON OUR ACTING, AT ALL TIMES, IN CONFIDENCE ON BEHALF OF OUR VARIOUS PRINCIPALS. THEREFORE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE DETAILS . . . WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF OUR CLIENTS. ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER SUCH CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO BE SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS SENDING A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIOUS PRINCIPALS REQUESTING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS AND SHALL BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY." EMBOFF DOES NOT BELIEVE

ANY FURTHER DATA WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. VITOL LONDON LTD. ADVISES US THAT ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US WITH GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT OIL MOVEMENTS AND COULD HELP US WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON DEALS IN WHICH THE USG WAS A PRINCIPAL, THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON SUBJECT REQUEST. AS AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS POSITION, A VITOL DIRECTOR SAID THE OIL COMPANIES DO NOT LIKE TO HAVE THEIR DEALS TALKED ABOUT. HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REPLY EVEN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SINCE THIS MATTER IS HIS PRIVATE BUSINESS.

4. BRAMEAST TELLS US THEY ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOMETHING. DESPITE PHONE CALLS AND A LETTER THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN TRANSMITTED. SINCE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CLEAR NEGATIVE, WE MAY GET SOME ANSWER NEXT WEEK.

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